

**Government-to-Government Consultation 9/12/18**

**SE AK Discovery Center: Ketchikan, AK**

**Tribe:** Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska: Richard Peterson (Tribal President), Heather Gatti (Government Affairs Liaison)

**US Forest Service:** Chris French (Acting Deputy Chief), Earl Stewart (Tongass National Forest Supervisor), Mary Snieckus (Alaska Roadless Rule Team), Melinda Hernandez Burke (Regional Office Tribal Relations)

Chris French provided a general overview and history of Roadless and where we are today. Expressed a desire to hear from the tribes what will work for communities.

President Peterson outlined that there are no cookie cutter answers (ie: clear-cutting). Not in favor of clear-cutting, but supports responsible natural resource extractions. He also touched on:

- Life and death economics in rural Alaska that outsiders do not understand or connect with.
- Traditional ways of life and the evolution of life in rural Alaska.
- All communities are different
- The need for local conversations and Consultations—deep dives with maps and proposals
- Consultation at every step
- Alaska is different

Chris French responded, expressing that at some point, decisions will be made that people disagree with. This is a Secretary decision, and he is committed to local processes. How do we go down a path the tribe does not agree with?

- President Peterson response: information up front and often. Shorter timeframes can work if tribes are engaged, but there will be challenges. Say what you said today—“local tribal” when you say “local”.

The tribe intends to sign on as a cooperating agency and will follow up with a written request.



Comments continued: CF: wants to hear... we want to hear from you <sup>what will work for comms.</sup>

RP: no cookie cutter answers. i.e. Clear cutting. Not for it, but ~~not~~ for responsible nature extractions.

Life + death... economics... rural. Outsiders don't understand + connect w/ that. Trad. way of life ... evolution. Jobs + access... Cute. If made with head buns around when road to Kusaan, it might have killed Kusaan. All comms different. I don't take external views.

CF Samray: not just local conversations + consultations. Need to pull out maps + have deep dives. MAPS. Need to see proposals. <sup>Needs even stop!!!</sup>

CF: Clear cuts... more timber value wanted? are there areas (80k) <sup>w/ loads already...</sup> building around or removing Roadless designation could be "more clear cuts."

CF: at some point, we will make decisions people disagree with. If we go down a path you don't agree with, how do we deal w/ that? RP: Often + upfront!

Action items continued:

Kanta: Still need to fix that → Follow-up ASAP!

Wilderness act.

Mary: We have to admit + condense, not coming w/ a solution.

RP: TAC frustrations expressed.

Traditional knowledge is matching up w/ western science in some areas: <sup>ie.</sup> See others.

Advice: Say what you said today. Say you mean "local tribal" when you say local.

CF: Inherently Sec's authority. He is committed to local process -- you will hear ID/CO comparisons. But, here we are not using FACA for input.

defined timberland given by Sec.  
RP: Shorter timberland works for us is we are engaged.

Comments continued: Appreciate meeting + communit listening sessions.

Suggest: live stream. - web. !!!

DC: Dave Schmidt.

Ex comm: VP to sit on com. Will respond to our request.

Possible challenges: timeframe + other work challenges.

Week after next: tribal council mtg.

Many: meeting schedule, in-person mtgs.

RP: Roadless rule didn't fit us... AK is different. Less people ~ like local solution to thing.

Action items continued:

Earl: Trad. knowledge, access, needs for sub. access or current uses  
Viability of communities.

RP: Will there be maps to show possible effects. need to pinpoint areas  
to gauge effect. Answers may vary from place to place.

Many: maps will initially show what is now.

RP: as we go along, will we be able to follow up on consultations  
as areas are dismissed? Many: yes. No target # of options.

DEIS: next summer (July)

\* RP: red flag, want to comment when actionable items come up \*

JF: Goal: craft another specific rule to meet local conditions

CF: no decisions made -- we can do it, or keep status quo. We want to  
learn if there is a "middle ground"? That's where we are now.